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RESPONSE

This Communication is being submitted in response to the October 7, 2010 Final Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due January 7, 2011. A Notice of Appeal was timely filed, setting a June 7, 2011 initial due date for filing an Appeal Brief. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being concurrently filed with this response. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) also is being concurrently filed. Authorization is hereby given to deduct the fees for a four-month extension of time, RCE, and IDS from Deposit Account No. 02-2135, thereby extending the due date for reply to October 7, 2011. Accordingly, this paper and concurrently filed RCE are being timely filed.

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